

REMARKS

The Office Action of April 5, 2006 has been reviewed and the comments therein were carefully considered. In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6-10, 12, 14, 15, 17-20, 22-26, 28-32, 36-46, 56-69 and 73-80 stand rejected. Applicants thank Examiner for the consideration of the application and allowance of claims 70 and 71.

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1, 17, 67 and 71 have been amended. Claims 1, 17 and 67 have been amended to incorporate similar language to the claimed features present in allowed independent claims 70 and 71. No new matter has been added. Claim 71 has been amended to correct a typographical error in the preamble.

Claim Objections

Claims 39, 43, 59 and 65 were objected to as depending from previously cancelled claims 21 and 27. The dependency of claims 39, 43, 59 and 65 has been corrected, such that each claim now depends on pending claim 17. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection is therefore requested.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

As stated above, Applicants have amended independent claims 1, 17 and 67 to incorporate features of allowed independent claims 70 and 71. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that independent claims 1, 17 and 67 are allowable for at least the same reasons as independent claims 70 and 71. Furthermore, because each of the rejected dependent claims ultimately depend from one of claims 1, 16, or 67, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits the instant application is in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner believe that a conversation with Applicants' representative would be useful in the prosecution of

this case, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to call Applicants' representative.

Respectfully submitted,

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